

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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PROGRESS ON PROJECT IN KARGIL  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of Chutok Project in Kargil District;
- (b) whether Nimoo-Bazgo project now changed to new site at Alchy-Saspole in Leh district; and
- (c) the details of both these projects in Ladakh which were taken up by NHPC in 1999-2000?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (c) : The Chutak Hydro-electric Project (18 MW) in Kargil District and NimooBazgo HE Project (24 MW) in Leh District of Jammu & Kashmir were entrusted by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation(NHPC) for execution in the Central Sector in July 2000, consequent upon a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Government of India.

Survey and investigation works under Stage-I of hydro project development are under process for preparation of a pre-feasibility Report in respect of the Chutak HE Project. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has accorded Stage-I site clearance for the project for undertaking the requisite survey & investigation activities and for collecting environmental data.

NHPC, after carrying out extensive desk studies has identified an alternative site for the Nimoo Bazgo HE Project in view of the high project and generation cost at the earlier site. A joint team of officers from National Hydro-electric Power Corporation, Central Electricity Authority, POWERGRID and Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation inspected the proposed new site and concluded that it was suitable for construction of a dam and power house. Investigation works required for preparation of the pre-feasibility report of the project at the new site near Alchi are nearing completion.